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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SADAT, ANWAR)

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: SADAT VISIT - MEETING WITH  
CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES (S/S NO. 7520816 )

1. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT BOTH SENATOR SPARKMAN AND  
CONGRESSMAN MORGAN HAVE INVITED SADAT TO MEET IN A JOINT  
SESSION WITH THE COMMITTEES ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND  
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, PREFERABLY THE MORNING OF TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 28. WE THINK SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE VERY IMPOR-  
TANT ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF OUR AID REQUESTS FOR EGYPT.  
HOWEVER, THE DRAFT SCHEDULE HAS SADAT FULLY OCCUPIED ON  
THAT MORNING WITH THREE MEETINGS THAT PROBABLY CANNOT BE  
FIT ELSEWHERE ON THE SCHEDULE WITHOUT CANCELLING SOME  
OTHER EVENT. THE THREE MEETINGS ARE: 10:30 POSSIBLE  
SECOND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD; 11:30 OFF-THE-RECORD  
MEETING WITH SELECTED EDITORS AND COLUMNISTS; AND 12:15  
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BRIEF MEETING WITH ARAB AMBASSADORS ASSIGNED TO WASHINGTON,

FOLLOWED BY YOUR LUNCHEON AT 1-00 P.M. THE THOUGHT OCCURS TO US THAT THE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD MAY NOT BE NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE FOLLOWING OTHER OCCASIONS ON WHICH THE TWO PRESIDENTS WILL BE TOGETHER: THE FIRST MEETING AT 11:30 MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, FOLLOWING SADAT'S ARRIVAL; THE WHITE HOUSE DINNER THAT EVENING; THE SADAT RETURN

DINNER ON TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 28; THE MEETING IN FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER 2 AND THE MEETING YOU RECOMMENDED FOR THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 5 BEFORE SADAT ADDRESSES THE JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS. THUS, IT WOULD SEEM THE TWO PRESIDENTS WILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE TIME TOGETHER, BUT WE WANTED YOUR APPROVAL BEFORE INSTRUCTING EILTS TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION WITH FAHMY. OF THE OTHER TWO EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 28, BOTH WE AND THE EGYPTIANS BELIEVE THE MEETING WITH THE EDITORS AND COLUMNISTS COULD BE VERY USEFUL, AND THE EGYPTIANS ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO THE MEETING WITH THE ARAB AMBASSADORS.

## 2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT YOU APPROVE THE TELEGRAM (TEXT FOLLOWS) INSTRUCTING EILTS TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH FAHMY INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF DROPPING THE TENTATIVE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD.

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SUBJECT: SADAT VISIT: MEETING WITH CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT SENATOR SPARKMAN AND CHAIR-CONFIDENTIAL

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MAN MORGAN HAVE JOINTLY INVITED PRESIDENT SADAT TO MEET WITH THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE JOINTLY, PREFERABLY ON THE MORNING OF TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28. THIS INVITATION CAME TO OUR ATTENTION AFTER THE SESSION OCTOBER 16 WITH HASSAN KAMEL AND THE ADVANCE TEAM. DURING THAT SESSION, THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 28 WAS FILLED AS FOLLOWS: 10:30 A.M. SECOND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD (TENTATIVE); 11:30 OFF-

THE-RECORD MEETING WITH SELECTED EDITORS AND COLUMNISTS  
AT BLAIR HOUSE; 12:15 BRIEF MEETING WITH ARAB AMBASSADORS  
AT BLAIR HOUSE; 1:00P.M.LUNCHEON HOSTED BY SECRETARY  
AND MRS. KISSINGER.

2. THERE IS NO ROOM ELSEWHERE ON THE SCHEDULE TO SHIFT

ONE OF THESE THREE MEETINGS WITHOUT CANCELLING SOMETHING  
ELSE THAT THE EGYPTIANS BELIEVE IS DESIRABLE. BOTH WE  
AND THE EGYPTIAN ADVANCE TEAM FELT THE MEETING WITH EDI-  
TORS AND COLUMNISTS COULD BE VERY USEFUL AND THE EGYPTIANS  
ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO THE BRIEF MEETING WITH THE ARAB AM-  
BASSADORS; CANCELLATION OF THE LATTER WOULD IN ANY CASE  
NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR SADAT TO MEET WITH THE  
CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES. THE THOUGHT OCCURS TO US THAT  
CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO DROPPING THE TENTATIVE  
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD IN VIEW OF THE SEVERAL OTHER  
OCCASIONS WHEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS WILL BE TOGETHER. AS  
TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED, PRESIDENT SADAT WOULD MEET WITH  
PRESIDENT FORD FOR AN HOUR OR SO IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS  
ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON; THEY WOULD BE TOGETHER AT THE WHITE  
HOUSE DINNER ON OCTOBER 27 AND THE SADAT DINNER ON  
OCTOBER 28; THEY WOULD BE TOGETHER IN FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER  
2; AND THE SECRETARY HAS RECOMMENDED THAT PRESIDENT FORD  
MEET WITH PRESIDENT SADAT FOR HALF AN HOUR BEFORE SADAT  
ADDRESSES THE JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS ON NOVEMBER 5.  
(THIS LAST RECOMMENDATION IS NOT KNOWN TO HASSAN KAMEL  
AND THE ADVANCE TEAM.) THUS, THE TWO PRESIDENTS WILL HAVE  
CONSIDERABLE TIME TOGETHER FOR DISCUSSIONS, BUT THE  
EGYPTIANS MAY ATTACH AT LEAST SYMBOLIC IMPORTANCE TO THE  
MEETING ON TUESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 28.

3. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH FAHMY,  
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TELLING HIM THAT WE ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO  
SADAT'S MEETING WITH THE TWO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.  
THE INVITATION COMES AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE TWO CHAIR-  
MEN AND THE MEETING COULD BE HELPFUL IN SECURING CONGRES-  
SIONAL APPROVAL OF THE AID PROGRAM FOR EGYPT AND OTHER  
PROPOSALS THAT WE MAY SUBMIT TO THE CONGRESS. THE MEETING  
WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR SADAT TO EXPLAIN HIS  
POLICIES TO A SELECT GROUP AND TO INCREASE UNDERSTANDING  
ON THE HILL OF EGYPTIAN AND ARAB POINTS OF VIEW. WHILE  
I WOULD LIKE AS PROMPT AN ANSWER AS POSSIBLE, I CAN UNDER-  
STAND THAT FAHMY MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THIS IDEA NOT ONLY  
WITH SADAT BUT ALSO WITH HASSAN KAMEL, WHO WILL NOT BE  
BACK IN CAIRO UNTIL THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 18.

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